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1. RE A PROPOSED VISIT BY A GAO TEAM FROM BANGKOK FOR THREE-WEEK PERIOD BEGINNING DEC 3 TO REVIEW EFFECTIVENESS EXECUTIVE BRANCH AGENCIES CARRYING OUT NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM ESTABLISHED WITH PARTICIPATING FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.

2. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT AND WILL ENDEAVOR ASSIST TEAM AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. QUESTIONS, HOWEVER, WHETHER TEAM WILL BE ABLE SPEND 3 WEEKS PROFITABLY HERE. BDG IS NOT PARTICIPATING IN FORMAL USG NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM NOR HAS IT BEEN ASKED TO DO SO. ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS, EMBASSY HAS URGED BDG TO BECOME CONTRACTING PARTY TO CUSTOMS COOPERATION COUNCIL (CCC) AND TO ACCEPT CCC'S JUNE 8, 1971 RESOLUTION CONCERNING NARCOSUCS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS (STATE A-8689 OF 8/25/72 AND DACCA A-41 OF 9/9/72). ALSO PER INSTRUCTION, EMBASSY HAS URGED BDG REPEATEDLY TO SIGN SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS, 1961, AND AMENDING PROTOCOL

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OF 3/25/72. BDG HAS NOT TAKEN ACTION ON ANY OF THESE

INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS THUS FAR, TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE.

3. FOR BACKGROUND INFORMATION MANAGER, USGAO BANGKOK OFFICE, WE ARE REPEATING REF. D AND REF. E, GIVING RUN-DOWN ON DRUG SITUATION HERE. NO SIGNIFICANT NEW DEVELOPMENTS SINCE. BECAUSE NO MAJOR PROBLEM PERCEIVED, BDG AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT MOBLIIED RESOURCES TO CONTEND WITH INPUTED DRUG TRAFFIC. EMBASSY CONTINUES TO WATCH SITUATION CLOSELY BUT HAS NOT DEVELOPED INFORMATION INDICATING THAT BANGLADESH HAS BECOME A SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN ILLEGAL PRODUCTION OR EXPORT DRUGS TO WORLD MARKET.

4. IN LIGHT FOREGOING, SUGGEST GAO MANAGER CONSIDER LENGTH OF TIME TO BE SPENT BY TEAM IN BANGLADESH AND ADVISE. GAO ASSURED OF FULLEST EMBASSY COOPERATION FOR WHATEVER PERIOD IT IS DECIDED TEAM WILL SPEND HERE.
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